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Lord Parker tells Blake: 'This is akin to treason
... in many countries you would be executed'

'I WAS RED SPY' - 42 YEARS JAIL

The man
who was
brain
washed

Convert to Communism
confesses to nine years
as Soviet agent

MUCH OF THIS COUNTRY'S EFFORTS
MADE USELESS

JOHN MILLER

Forty-two years. Such was the sentence the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Parker, today passed at the Old Bailey on George Blake, Government official who has been

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and a traitor to Britain. Blake was formerly British vice-consul at Odessa, and remained there in 1918 by the Cossacks during the Russian Civil War.

He was not until 1923 that he was freed with six other Britons, including Sir George Grey, then British Minister at Sevastopol, and General Sir Edward Lord, of the Salvation Army.

Change of views

His former chief, General Grey, in court today told of the "philosophical change of view" that came to him when he met Blake. "I asked him what made his resolve to join the Bolsheviks, and he said that he was on balance just."

By 1925 he had a new life for George Blake. And a new spy was born.

The real name of the spy is barely known. He was a Royal Navy officer, son of a naval officer, and a member of the aristocracy. His father had married a Dutch woman, and settled in Holland, where he died.

He became a fluent linguist, commanding the Dutch German language, and was fluent in English when he left Holland when the First World War began.

forged passport

On a forged passport he got to Siberia, where he was held for a time by the authorities before being sent to Moscow.

He joined the Royal Navy, was promoted to captain, and was recognized and worked as a spy in Germany, and later in Hamburg.

After the war he joined the Foreign Office and became one of the most important agents of the Russian, now speaks it fluently, and was promoted to the rank of admiral. But to those who met him he was a man of modesty and very anti-Communist.

Soviet arrest

His father died some years ago, and he moved to Marquette. Later they moved to the Bronx County, New York, where he lived for a time.

On his job, he was freed from Korea, and was promoted to the rank of Foreign Office, and later went to London, where he was appointed to a job in the Foreign Office.

He was arrested secretly just over three weeks ago, and held without trial.

He was held in a secret prison, and a full confession revealing that for

some nine years he had been working continually as an agent and spy for a foreign power.

That foreign power was Russia. Now Blake, 38, must pay the penalty. It is the longest sentence ever imposed for treason of this kind of offense against the Old Bailey, within memory and it means that without remission he will remain incarcerated until he is 80.

BACK FROM BEIRUT

Blake was caught by the British Secret Service only three weeks ago and brought back from Beirut in face of the death penalty in many other countries.

He got his dramatic sentence because the law does not allow the death penalty to be passed in his breaches of the Official Secrets Act.

But as there were five separate instances of spying between 1945 and 1948, he was given 14 years in all, to count. The first three will run consecutively, to total 42 years.

He is being held in a courtroom blockaded by wooden screens so that no one could look in, Lord Parker said in a moving, five-minute speech.

He has admitted guilty to the charges and your full written confession reveals that for some nine years you have been working continually as an agent and spy for a foreign power.

Moreover the information communicated, though not of a scientific nature, was clearly of the utmost importance to the security of the Commonwealth and of this country's efforts completely useless.

"Indeed you have said in your confession that there was no secret document of importance to

which I had access which was not passed to my Soviet

friends," he said.

'ONE OF THE WORST'

"When one realizes that you are a British subject, albeit not by birth, and were throughout this period employed by your country, and have admitted guilty to the charge that your case is akin to treason... It is one of the worst that can be envisaged other than in time of war."

It would clearly be contrary to public interest for me to refer in sentencing you to the full contents of your confession.

"I can, however, say, without any hesitation, that no one who has read it can possibly fail to take that view."

"I have listened to all that was so ably said on your behalf,

but I have no doubt that the gravity of the offence

which I have committed is such that I must be sentenced to imprisonment for life."

He was sentenced to 42 years.

He was sentenced to 4

If a Chinese "Commander" a cell kept you in silent darkness for a week, probed the ultimate secret of life and memory, used subtle mind control techniques to warn you that you would just vanish unless you cared about him? And if he was in a pleasant, comfortable class-room, with a good meal to eat? How British would you still be?

If many, if any, of these things had been true, George Blake would have been dead. But they happened to hundred thousand British and American troops captured during the Korean War. And they cracked him.

"Breakdawshing" is a favourite Communist Weapon, even though it's now banned by the Geneva convention. It's the "twilight" regions of the mind and body that the mind and effort is being devoted to. What kind of torture can survive it?

Breaking point

For psychiatrists believe that every man has his breaking point, and although it varies from time to time, it's on the increase.

There are many degrees, but the most extreme is:

First, despite the prisoner's mental condition, he is still stimulated. Then it questions him in a series of questions which tends him up. Use sounds to create a sense of fear, between harshness and fatherly fondness, offer him home comforts, which will help him find his breaking point.

WEATHER—Some showers

Fewest to none tomorrow for London and S.E. I. From mid-day intervals and scattered showers, becoming more frequent and more intense, with light or moderate, north-westerly winds.

Outlook—Cheerful. English Channel and North Sea: scattered showers, slight breeze; sea: moderate, visibility good. South: scattered showers, slight breeze; sea: moderate, visibility good. West: scattered showers, slight breeze; sea: moderate, visibility good. East: scattered showers, slight breeze; sea: moderate, visibility good.

Temperature—London: 62.5° a.m. Sun sets 5:11 p.m.; min. 52.5° a.m. Rain starts 7:30 p.m.; max. 63.2° a.m. Rain ends 9:30 p.m.

To quote his own words: "To break a man's spirit, you don't need to hit him. You just need to send to him."

The Lord Justice was not on the side in establishing what he was sent to do. He was sent to prison.

Having reached that conclusion, the clerk asked Blake if he had any objection to his being sent to prison.

What he told him was: "Lord Blake had learned his fate. He volunteered to work for them. His offer was accepted, and I again recall the

recommendation to 'another' that he might have been directly or indirectly responsible for his capture.

They related to different times. The first in November 1950, the second in September 1, 1953, and April 14, 1955, and the third in April 14, 1955, and April 14, 1955. The fourth between April 14, 1955, and April 14, 1955. The fifth between June 12 and June 12, 1955.

"A good character,"

The Attorney-General, Sir

R. G. Parker, said: "I am

Buller, opening the case, said:

"He has pleaded guilty to charges of a very

serious character and I can

see that he is fit to stand trial.

"It is not necessary for me to

repeat the facts of the case,

which I have already set out.

"The Lord Chief Justice said:

"I have no doubt that these

matters came to light, it is right

that justice should be done.

He has a good reputation for

possessing a good

character, and he is a British subject.

He is serving his sentence in the

Royal Navy and serves in the

Royal Navy until 1962, when he

will be demobilised. At that date he was

to be released on parole and over-

seas to Canada and over-

seas to Australia.

Mr. Reginald said: "As you

will know, he sought the ap-

pointment of his solicitor,

a compact and detailed con-

versation took place.

This is the last time he

knows the case would be in open court, and he would be

able to see the evidence which

I propose to refer must remain

secret, that statement he says

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The defence speaks

Mr. Jeremy Hutchinson Q.C.

said: "The first point of

the matter he wanted to

ask is that he was told

that he was to be tried before

the Lord Chief Justice.

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Macmillan
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**British Diplomat Admits
I Told All
To Russia**

"EVENING NEWS" REPORTER

FORTY-TWO years' jail. That was the massive sentence passed at the Old Bailey to-day on George Blake, 38-year-old Compton Office official and father of

Dockers'
Strike
'Nearly
Over'

By R. J. FINNEMORE
A "back-to-work" vote

was expected at this afternoon's meeting of active members of

CEASE-FIRE
IN LAOS

Tokio, Wednesday.—Leaders

of the pro-Viet Cong forces

in Laos today ordered all

their forces in Laos to cease fire

from 12 noon to 1 p.m.

At the same time, Captain

Kong Lee, commander of the

Laotian army, issued orders

that the right-wing Government

set a cessation of hostilities

this afternoon. It is a village

seven miles south of rebel-held

Vang Vieng.

CLOSING CITY PRICES.

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I WAS A SPY FOR MOSCOW

Crown: 'He Did Serious Damage To His Country'

"EVENING NEWS" REPORTER

THE sensational case against George Blake, 38-year-old former diplomat, was outlined in the Old Bailey's No. 1 Court to-day by the Attorney-General, Sir Reginald Malingham-Buller.

It was a surprise at the start of the hearing when Press and public were admitted to the court. It had been expected that the whole trial would be in camera.

This was the first time Blake had been seen by the public since his arrest.

His three appearances at the Old Bailey have been described as "spectacular" by Justice Lord Parker, had struck

the trial jury of twelve borne by the court at an open session. Blake was led up the steps of the dock by one of his legal advisers, Mr. Alan Prosser, Director of the Crown Prosecutions.

Malingham-Buller, listened to the case in

silence, and after a few moments he

asked: "Is there any surprise in the

case?" Blake replied: "None at all."

Lord Parker, the Lord Chief Justice, told Blake, "Your case

is one of the worst I have ever seen in my life."

He was asked if he had any

blood with his hands resting

lightly on the bench in front of

the court as he read the charges

THE DATES
1953 . . . 1955

"There were many charges

in the indictment, but only

one concerned information

which he directly or indi-

rectly used to an enemy in

war or in a state of



'YOUR CASE IS ONE OF WORST IN PEACETIME'

George Blake being met by his mother on his arrival at Abingdon after spending three years in an internment camp in North Korea.

more than ten years ago

Blake's philosophical and poli-

citical bent was well known.

From the date of his democ-

umentation in 1945 he had

been employed in the Govern-

ment's secret service in his

country and overseas.

Having reached that concul-

sion, he turned his thoughts

to the question of resigning

from the Civil Service.

He approached the Foreign

Office, and was told that

he must refer to "the Com-

munist Party."

If there was any question of

referring to the Comintern what

was the Comintern?

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